

REMARKS

I. Summary of the Examiner's Action

A. Claim Rejections

As set forth in paragraph 2 on page 2 of the March 17 Office Action claims 1 – 3, 5, 7 – 9, 11, 13 – 15, 17, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,687,518 to Park (hereinafter “Park” or “the Park patent”) in view of United States Patent No. 6,115,616 to Halperin *et al.* (hereinafter “Halperin” or “the Halperin patent”), and further in view of United States Patent No. 4,640,994 to Komaki (hereinafter “Komaki” or “the Komaki patent”).

II. Applicants' Response – Claim Rejections

A. Rejection of Claims 1 – 3, 5, 7 – 9, 11, 13 – 15, 17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 (as amended) is reproduced here with emphasis added to show the subject matter which is neither described nor suggested by the references of record:

1. A mobile station, comprising:
 - a communication part that comprises a controller, a display, an RF transceiver and an antenna; and
 - a self-powered information entry part comprising a keypad or keyboard module having a display, the keypad or keyboard module being detachable from said communication part and configured to be coupled, whether attached or detached, through a wireless link to said communication part for conveying keystroke information from said information entry part to said communication part, and

power generating apparatus configured to generate power for operating the self-powered information entry part, and wherein said self-powered information entry part is configured to be powered by the power generating apparatus.

Applicant has amended claim 1 so that it is directed to one of the embodiments disclosed at page 8, lines 4 – 12 of the Application (emphasis added):

“Further in this regard, it is within the scope of these teachings to also provide some type of display capability on the keypad module 11. The display would preferably be a low power type of display, such as an LCD. The display could be used, for example, to simply indicate to the user the number being dialed, and/or call status, or any other purpose. A simple one line alphanumeric LCD display may be used, or a larger, more elaborate display can be employed. In this case it would be desirable to provide the bidirectional wireless link so that the mobile station 20 could send information to be displayed to the keypad module.”

The remaining independent claims have been similarly amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. It is noted that the keypad module having its own display means that the user need not have the display of the communication part in view when entering alphanumeric information. The art of record neither describes nor suggests this aspect of Applicants' invention.

Applicants accordingly submit that claim 1 is patentable over the art of record, and therefore respectfully request that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn. Independent claims 7, 13, 15 and 17 are patentable for reasons similar to those submitted

with respect to claim 1 and for reasons attributable to their independently-recited subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 7, 13, 15 and 17 be withdrawn as well. Finally, Applicants request that the rejection of the original and previously-presented dependent claims be withdrawn since the claims depend from allowable base claims.

B. New Claims

Applicants have also added new claims 21 – 23 directed to an aspect of Applicants' invention described in the above-reproduced portion from the application where the keypad module is configured to receive and display on its display information received from the communication part. Applicants submit that the art of record neither describes nor suggests this aspect of Applicants' invention. Applicants therefore respectfully request that these new claims be allowed.

III. Conclusion

Applicants submit that in light of the foregoing remarks the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that the case be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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